

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on October 7, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby

(402) In the matter of CenturyTel of Montana - N2003.9.136; On September 18, 2003, CenturyTel filed Tariff P.S.C. MONT. No. 12 to offer a Caller ID Promotion commencing October 18, 2003 and ending November 18, 2003 where customers who subscribe to Caller ID during that time will be offered a reduced rate of \$0.99 for 3 months and free activation. During the same period, customers who subscribe to Voice Mail will get the first month free if they also sign up for an additional line. The company will also waive the nonrecurring charges of the Voice Mail Services Package and offer one month free.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Tariff. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(403) In the matter of T-03.40.PCN; On July 25, 2003 White Bear Tours LLC, Great Falls, Montana applied for Class B passenger authority between all points and places in Cascade County, Montana. Application Protests were received. The applicant has requested that the application be withdrawn and the docket closed.

Commissioner Schneider moved to withdraw the application and close the docket. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(404) In the matter of TN2194; James H. and Joan P. Michael dba Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 3664 to Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana for a one year period, October 7, 2003 to October 7, 2004.

Commissioner Brainard moved to continue the lease. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(405) In the matter of TN2915; Donald A. Hurley dba Arrive In Style, Billings, Montana requests a final six month suspension of PSC No. 9396 from October 30, 2003 to April 30, 2004.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the suspension. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(406) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of September 29, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan

(407) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2003.8.120 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.; Commissioner Brainard moved to suspend the procedural schedule without prejudice and to convene parties for a status conference. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(408) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Allocation of unassigned USB funds; Commissioner Schneider moved to adopt the USB proposed order with the additional editorial changes discussed in the workshop session. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(409) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE Bankruptcy Investigation; Commissioner Schneider moved to carve off and segregate the issue of default supply including QF related payments into a separate docket and suspend that docket. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(410) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE Bankruptcy - Direction on Administrative Matters relating to the NWE bankruptcy; Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize Robin to enter into an arrangement with Brady William's law firm immediately and to utilize consulting funds to retain legal counsel while we wait decision of the Court in terms of broader financing . Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Al Brogan

(411) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Delaware Bankruptcy Court 03-12872 - NorthWestern Bankruptcy; Commissioner Brainard moved to close the meeting to discuss litigation. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brainard moved to request a Special Session requesting authorization for \$1 million for bankruptcy intervention. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to authorize staff or/and outside counsel to travel to bankruptcy hearings. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

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